



Ward Notification

Tucson Fire Department

Fire Chief Patrick Kelly



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Ward 4 – House Fire – 2800 Block of South Palm Springs Drive

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Dispatch Time – 0829
On-Scene Time – 0834
2nd Alarm Dispatch - 0846
Under Control – 0914

One person was home sleeping when this fire started. The neighbors saw smoke and flames coming from the windows and doors and called 911. One neighbor went to the home to alert the woman that was inside. The smoke was too thick and he remained outside. Firefighters arrived on scene to find the woman who lives here standing in the front yard with one of her dogs. She stated that there were 4 more dogs and one cat unaccounted for. She was transported to a hospital with minor injuries.

Firefighters were inside the home attempting to extinguish the fire when something fell from the ceiling area and landed on one of the firefighters. It was no longer safe for firefighters to be inside the building, so everyone exited. The extinguishment method was changed from offensive to defensive and more firefighters were called to the scene. One firefighter was treated at the scene and will follow up with a doctor as a precaution. It took 16 units and 50 firefighters 40 minutes to extinguish the fire and prevent it destroying home nearby.

Damage Estimate - \$350,000 to two homes

\$300,000 to the home that was completely destroyed (including 3 vehicles in the garage)

\$50,000 to the home just south of this residence – A sprinkler head in the laundry room attached to the exterior of the home prevented the fire from spreading to the interior of this home.

Origin – Living Room

Red Cross is assisting this family of two with food, clothing and medications.

They have 5 dogs and 1 cat and will be staying with relatives until repairs are completed.

Cause – Under Investigation

Safety Message: Follow the manufacturer's instructions when using appliances or extension cords. Extension cords should not be used as a substitute for permanent wiring. They are designed to be used temporarily and should be unplugged when not in use.